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Robert Kaplan
Acting Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 W. Jackson Boulevard (C-14J)
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Dear Mr. Kaplan:

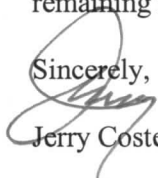
On behalf of Veolia and myself, I wanted to extend my appreciation for your willingness to personally meet with and engage in the permit discussions with Veolia.

I believe much has been accomplished and the gap between Veolia and USEPA has diminished. A great deal of success between the parties is attributable directly to your interest and involvement in this matter. This was evident at our August 11th meeting by your willingness to abandon the installation of the Xact technology, after listening to and acknowledging Veolia's concerns regarding the experimental nature of the technology and the inappropriateness of USEPA forcing Veolia to contract on a sole source basis with a company that, in Veolia's opinion, was not reputable. Similarly, Veolia's willingness to expend the necessary funds to install carbon injection to further decrease emissions, although not necessary to meet current federal emission standards, demonstrated Veolia's resolve to work with USEPA.

Senator Durbin, Congressman Bost and Congressman Shimkus asked me to keep them informed as to the status of negotiations between USEPA and Veolia. As a result, I have given them and/or their staff periodic updates after each of our meetings. However, I recently informed them that over the past several months, discussions between USEPA and Veolia have come to a standstill. I suspect this is in no small part due to USEPA being required to address other, more pressing issues. Nevertheless, I wanted to reach out to you and let you know that Veolia remains very interested in addressing, as your schedule permits, any and all remaining issues relating to its Title V permit. Your commitment that USEPA would not issue a permit prior to further discussions with Veolia also increases the trust between the parties.

I recognize that not all of the issues have been resolved. However, I continue to believe the issues that separate the two parties are small compared to those in which there is agreement. I look forward to resolving the remaining issues in the upcoming months.

Sincerely,



Jerry Costello

cc: Mr. Doug Harris
Mr. George Czerniak
U.S. Senator Dick Durbin
U.S. Congressman Mike Bost
U.S. Congressman John Shimkus